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SUBJECT: ANOTHER BAD NIGHT IN BEIRUT; NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE AMONG

PARTIES

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1. BEIRUT HAD A BAD NIGHT SEPTEMBER 19 - 20 AS CONSIDERABLE SHELLING/DYNAMITTING OCCURRED FROM 2230 UP BEYOND DAYLIGHT. NEARLY ALL THE USUAL STORMY QUARTERS IN EAST BEIRUT WERE AFFECTED IN VARYING DEGREES. DOWNTOWN AND HAMRA STREET COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS ALSO HIT DESPITE CURFEW. PAN AM OFFICE IN CENTER OF CITY TOOK TWO ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUN FIRE, WHILE AIR INDIA OFFICE ON HAMRA STREET WAS BLOWN UP. HOWEVER, CAIRO RADIO REPORT THAT BANK OF AMERICA HIT (FBIS NICOSIA 190023Z) NOT TRUE. DAMOUR, SOUTH OF BEIRUT, WAS THE SCENE OF BRIEF HEAVY FIGHTING.

2. AS OF 1100 LOCAL SEPTEMBER 20 FIGHTING IS CONTINUING. THE COMMITTEE OF DORY CHAAOUN AND TEWFIQ SAFADI (REF A) STILL MEETING AT INTERNAL SECURITY HQ IN EFFORT TO PUT LID ON TROUBLES, BUT SO FAR WITHOUT VISIBLE RESULTS. MEANWHILE, SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF HIKMAT SHEHABI HAVE COME FROM DAMASCUS, EVIDENTLY TO PLAY MEDIATION ROLE KHADDAM SUCCESSFULLY PLAYED IN PAST. THEY MET WITH PRESIDENT FRANGIE EVENING SEPTEMBER 19. ANOTHER MEETING WAS IN PROGRESS MORNING SEPTEMBER 20 AT THOME OF SAEB SALAAM (WHO LAID GROUNDWORK FOR LATER SYRIAN MEDIATORY ASSISTANCE WHEN HE VISITED DAMASCUS FEW DAYS AGO). REPORTEDLY, PRIME MINISTER KARAME WILL ATTEND FURTHER MEETING AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE LATER SEPTEMBER 20. THUS, KARAME'S CONCILIATION-NEGOTIATION OPTION IS STILL ON TRACK.

3. RADIO BEIRUT A. M. SEPTEMBER 20 REPORTED TROUBLE AGAIN IN ZAHLE, BUT WE HAVE NO DETAILS. ONE SOURCE TOLD US MID-MORNING SEPTEMBER 20 THAT TOWN HAD QUIETED DOWN. GODLEY

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